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Senate Bill No. 360

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The Committee on Environment reported through SEN. KENNEDY of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING HERD SHARES WITHIN THE PRODUCTION OF MILK AND RAW MILK PRODUCTS AND THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEESE FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 22-129 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to: [the] (1) The
5 production of milk, milk products, raw milk or raw milk products and
6 the manufacture of cheese for personal consumption or for
7 consumption by immediate family members, or (2) the transfer or
8 exchange of raw milk between persons who are parties to the same
9 shared animal ownership agreement. For purposes of this subsection,
10 "shared animal ownership agreement" means any contractual
11 arrangement in which a person: (A) Acquires an ownership interest in
12 a milk-producing animal, (B) agrees to pay or reimburse another
13 person or otherwise accept financial responsibility for the care and

- 14 boarding of such milk-producing animal, and (C) is entitled to receive
15 a share of the raw milk produced by such milk-producing animal.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	22-129(c)

ENV *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which authorizes the transfer and exchange of raw milk between private parties under certain conditions, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 360*****AN ACT AUTHORIZING HERD SHARES WITHIN THE PRODUCTION OF MILK AND RAW MILK PRODUCTS AND THE MANUFACTURE OF CHEESE FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill exempts transferring or exchanging raw milk between people who are part of a shared animal ownership agreement from the general ban on selling, offering for barter, exchange, or sale, or distributing raw milk from an unregistered dairy farm.

A “shared animal ownership agreement” is a contract in which a person:

1. acquires an interest in a milk-producing animal;
2. agrees to pay, reimburse, or accept financial responsibility for the animal’s care and board; and
3. receives a share of the raw milk the animal produces.

Current law generally requires anyone producing or manufacturing retail raw milk or raw milk cheese for use or disposal off-premises to be registered with the agriculture department (CGS § 22-173a). Producing raw milk or raw milk products and manufacturing cheese for personal consumption or consumption by immediate family members is exempt.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Environment Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/25/2015)